

New Year's Eve 2012: A Nation on the Brink by George Barany, Michael Hanko, and Paul Luftig

ACROSS

- 1. Treated a sprain, maybe
- 5. Leaf-munching Australians
- 11. NE for SW
- 14. Post-It, e.g.
- 15. Type of kick, on the gridiron
- 16. Blue dyes
- 18. Speaker to whom nobody listened in December 2012
- 20. Do some exterminating
- 21. Soul Coughing album with a Spanish title and a bear on the cover
- 22. Lively folk dance
- 23. Hub in the Andes
- 24. Feature of 18-Across's surname
- 26. Female hormone
- 28. "A ___ cara," Bellini aria for a 75-Across
- 29. Option favored by 18-Across
- 32. Rochester beer or the river along which it is brewed
- 35. Switch positions
- 36. At the tip
- 38. Saag ___ (curried spinach and potatoes)
- 40. Withered
- 44. The United States is facing this in the waning days of 2012
- 48. Stephens's boss on "Bewitched"
- 49. "How ___ Your Mother"
- 50. Kingdom whence came Henry VIII's first wife, Catherine
- 51. Court ruling?
- 53. In 2012, it displaced "Citizen Kane" at the top of critics' poll of greatest films of all time
- 55. Option favored by 73-Across
- 60. A.T.M. maker
- 63. Latin-American pastry

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- 64. Faith Hill chart-topper of 1999
 - 67. Snacks for ladybugs
 - 68. Bank opener?
 - 71. Single-masted sailing vessel
 - 72. In the ballpark
 - 73. Hawaiian holidayer in December 2012
 - 75. See 28-Across
 - 76. Digital counterpart
 - 77. Govt. org. with an eagle as its logo
 - 78. Stimp's cartoon pal
 - 79. Bud vessels
 - 80. ___ Helens: Abbr.
- DOWN**
- 1. For laughs
 - 2. Asian slave
 - 3. Jane Goodall is one
 - 4. Crowded
 - 5. Kitchy-___
 - 6. Burdensome
 - 7. ESPN's Award for Courage is named for him
 - 8. Come-on
 - 9. Astaire and Hugo
 - 10. To be in Belize
 - 11. Basis of monotheism
 - 12. Polish version of 63-Across
 - 13. This often got smeared by clumsy applications of Wite-Out
 - 16. Decorates
 - 17. What the bees did to me when I brang my honeypot to the hive?
 - 19. Word said once in France to mean "good" or twice in the U.S. to mean "goodie"
 - 23. Vitamin or bomber
 - 25. Immune response orchestrator
 - 27. Light parody
 - 30. Royal sphere
 - 31. Subscribe to
 - 33. "___ Homo," Spanish fresco infamously botched by an amateur restoration
 - 34. Monogram of astronaut who made "one giant leap for mankind"
 - 36. Toward the rear
 - 37. Singer Zadora
 - 39. Frequently
 - 40. Hose problem
 - 41. Breakfast order
 - 42. Old Olds
 - 43. East ender?
 - 45. Named
 - 46. Misanthrope
 - 47. Younger brother of Zeke and Rahm
 - 51. Shylock, for one, which would have peeved Polonius
 - 52. Ballpark figures?
 - 54. Caesar crossed it
 - 55. Respond to stimulus
 - 56. More than enough?
 - 57. Time's 2007 "Invention of the Year"
 - 58. Printemps, par exemple
 - 59. Like lots of lots
 - 61. Sinks one's teeth into
 - 62. Meal
 - 65. "___ Beso"
 - 66. Format destined for extinction in the age of digital downloads
 - 69. "Dies ___" (powerful section of Verdi's "Requiem")
 - 70. Anklebones
 - 73. What Eng. majors pursue
 - 74. Metric wts.